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SUBJECT: BELGIUM READY TO SIGN F-16 LOA AND RELATED TOPICS

REF: (A) BRUSSELS 4154, (B) COPENHAGEN 2515

SUMMARY: WE WERE CONVOKED URGENTLY AGAIN BY DEFENSE
MINISTER VANDEN BOEYNANTS ASSISTANT CHEF DE CABINET
COL. LEFEBVRE AT THE MINISTER'S REQUEST APRIL 29. LEFEBVRE
MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS: (A) BELGIUM IS READY TO SIGN
F-16 LOA AS SOON AS MINOR INTERNAL ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS ARE TAKEN
CARE OF; (B) VANDEN BOEYNANTS WILL BRING WHAT PRESSURE HE
CAN TO BEAR ON DANISH MOD MOLLER (PER REFTEL B) AND REQUESTS
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USG TO DO ALL WITHIN ITS POWER TO GET MOLLER TO SIGN LOA
WITHOUT REQUESTING FURTHER EXTENSIONS; (C) RE GAO
REPORT, VANDEN BOEYNANTS REPEATS PREVIOUS REQUEST
(REFTEL A) THAT GAO NOT PUBLISH ITS REPORT ON F-16
UNTIL AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS.
END SUMMARY.

1. THE DANISH MINISTRY OF DEFENSE HAS AGAIN BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE BELGIAN MOD REQUESTING BELGIAN SUPPORT FOR ANOTHER EXTENSION OF THE LOA DEADLINE. THE BELGIANS ARE NOT DISPOSED TO ASSIST MOLLER IN HIS REQUEST. HOWEVER, THEY ARE VERY RELUCTANT TO BREAK EPG SOLIDARITY AND WILL DO ALL THEY CAN TO GET MOLLER TO CHANGE HIS MIND. WE ENCOURAGED THIS LINE PER PARA 5 REFTEL B. BELGIAN MOD SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED THAT THE USG BRING WHATEVER PRESSURE IT CAN TO BEAR ON MOLLER WITH A VIEW TO HAVING HIM REVERSE HIS POSITION AND TO SIGN THE LOA NLT MAY 2. BELGIAN MOD RECOMMENDED STRONGLY THAT USG FOLLOW BELGIAN LINE ON BRINGING PRESSURE TO BEAR ON MOLLER OR TO HAVE MOLLER KEEP HIS ACTIONS PRIVATE IF HE IS NOT WILLING TO SIGN LOA.

2. AT VANDEN BOEYNANTS' BEHEST, LEFEBVRE REPEATED BELGIAN REQUEST THAT GAO REPORT NOT BE PUBLISHED PRIOR TO CONSULTATIONS WITH EPG. HE FURTHER REQUESTED THAT WHEN GAO RESCHEDULES ITS VISIT ON F-16 TO EUROPE THAT IT VISIT NORWAY, DENMARK AND THE NETHERLANDS PRIOR TO COMING TO BELGIUM. THIS DOES NOT EXCLUDE A FIRST VISIT TO CASEUR FOR ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFINGS. IT ONLY REFERS TO OFFICIALS' VISIT TO BELGIUM AND BELGIAN INDUSTRIES.

3. CASEUR INFORMED OF ABOVE. RENNER

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